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In re application of: **Becker et al.**

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**Examiner: Garg, Yogesh C.**

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## For: Method and Apparatus for Building Commercial Distributed Computing Networks Via Computer Cost Subsidization

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.**

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.